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Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Please find attached Re:

Inventor: Robert G. Arsenault, et al.

Serial No.: 09/678,441

Filed: October 2, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADAPTING PROGRAM GUIDES TO MEET SUBSCRIBER CRITERIA

- > Amendment Transmittal
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PATENT  
Docket No. PD-200020  
CUSTOMER NO.: 020891

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Robert G. Arsenault, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/878,441  
Filed: October 2, 2000  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADAPTING PROGRAM  
GUIDES TO MEET SUBSCRIBER CRITERIA

Date: February 25, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 2614  
Examiner: Annan Q. Shang

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ . If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \_\_\_\_\_  
Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

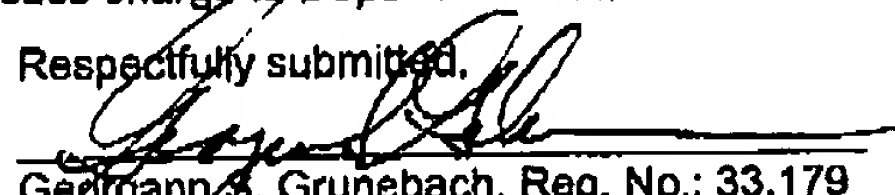
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	minus	44*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	7**	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$	-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	<u>00.00</u>

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

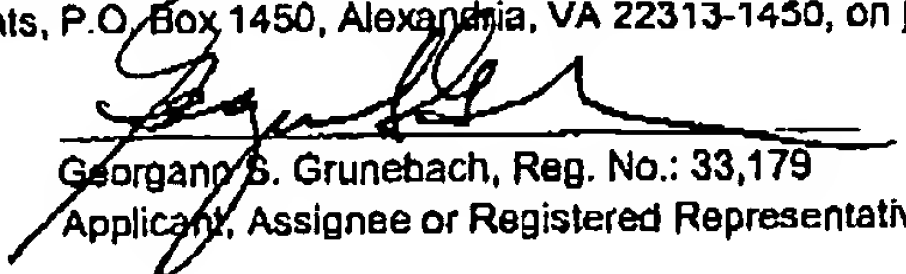
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.